



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: H. MURAYAMA, et al

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For: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A PLURALITY OF COMPUTERS
EACH PROVIDING A SHARED STORAGE ACCESS PROCESSING
MECHANISM FOR CONTROLLING LOCAL/REMOTE ACCESS TO
SHARED STORAGE DEVICE (AMENDED)

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 19, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

88. (Twice Amended) In a computer system having a plurality of
computers connected to each other and a plurality of shared disks, each of said
plurality of shared disks being coupled to one of said plurality of computers, each of
said plurality of computers comprising: